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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Sydney—Examination of Rats.

The following information was taken from the bulletin issued by the department of public health of New South Wales: During the two weeks ended March 30, 1912, 689 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rats were found.

The last case of human plague was reported May 29, 1909.

The last plague-infected rat was found April 25, 1910.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

Smallpox and Vaccination at Mombasa.

Consul Weddell, at Zanzibar, reports the occurrence of 5 cases of smallpox at Mombasa during the month of March, 1912. During the same period 4,500 persons were vaccinated. The outbreak is believed to have originated in the Mecca pilgrimage.

EGYPT.

Cairo—Typhus Fever.

Consul Knabenshue reports the occurrence of 10 deaths from typhus fever at Cairo during the two weeks ended April 15.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Typhus Fever.

At Belfast the American consul reports the occurrence of 1 death from typhus fever during the week ended April 6.

At Dublin Consul Adams reports a death from typhus fever during the week ended March 30.

At Glasgow Consul McCunn reports a death from typhus fever for the week ended April 19.

GREECE.

Cerebrospinal Meningitis.

Vice Consul Melissinos at Athens reports the occurrence of 93 cases of cerebrospinal meningitis in Greece during the week ended May 4. The cases occurred at 21 localities. Of the 93 reported cases 17 occurred at Athens and 7 at Piraeus, the port of Athens.